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I am writing to protest the new restrictions that the FCC is considering that might make it difficult to record broadcast TV for educational purposes. I am often recording news clips and other educational programs for use in my classes. It would be a terrible loss if this was no longer possible. This is an important part of being able to bring current events into the classroom and I would hate for this to be lost.

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Robert Lesko
28 Avenue B
New York

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The broadcast flag is neither in my interest nor the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.

The broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

Furthermore, if computers cannot freely receive digital television, how can I expect creative developers to discover new devices that enable me to use content in exciting ways I haven't even thought of? I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts.

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